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1. Since approximately early May 1954, several air-force units not related with each other were quartered in the air-force section of Weisse Stadt in Oranienburg. One unit with the previously reported Lieutenant Trofimshuk (fnu) as supply officer numbered about 100 men of whom the EM were quartered in building No. 43 and the officers in buildings No. 56 and 57. The second unit with Captain Ilyashuk (fnu) as supply officer also had a strength of about 100 men; the officers were billeted in buildings Nos. 54 and 55, while the EM were seen using an entrance in building No. 1. Captain Ilyashuk was billeted in building No. 49 where a HO shop was also housed. The third unit had an estimated personnel strength of more than 200. The name of the assigned supply officer was not known. The EM of this unit used three entrances of building No. 1. The northernmost section of this building housed the headquarters of the unit. Personnel of the unit were also quartered in building No. 2, which had 4 entrances and in building No. 16 having 3 entrances. The latter building housed a HO shop on the ground floor at the southern entrance and craftsmen on the upper floor. The middle entrance led to the dispensary of the unit. Building No. 17 was occupied by officers and their dependents. Major Kaslov (fnu) and some unmarried officers were billeted in building No. 45. At first, the kitchens and mess-halls of the unit were scheduled to be established in block 1. This plan was changed later on and some rooms in Hans Schemm School were to be converted for the purpose mentioned. Therefore, the unit was fed from field kitchens. The motor vehicles of all the units were parked in garage No. 35. There were about 20 trucks, and some tank trucks.

2. The first air force unit which arrived in Weisse Stadt in late April 1954 occupied building No. 43, formerly Villa Winkler, and building No. 57. The next unit arrived around 20 May and moved into buildings No. 44, 45, and 55. The third unit, which arrived in late May or early June, was quartered in buildings Nos. 1 and 2 and the dependents of the assigned officers moved into building No. 17. It appeared that also building No. 16, which was still vacant in mid-June 1954, would be occupied by officers. The third unit did not have any kitchens and messhalls as yet and, therefore, was fed from field kitchens. From the number of personnel observed taking their meals in the open around the field kitchens it was inferred that the unit consisted of about 250 men. The motor vehicles of the new air-force units were parked in garage No. 35. The motor vehicles observed

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There included about 10 trucks, 4 large van-like trucks with 6 or 7-meter-long superstructures, 2 smaller van-like trucks, ambulance and a heavy caterpillar tractor.

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3. Since early June, an air-force unit of about 200 men equipped with a number of motor vehicles, including 2 caterpillar tractors and 3 ambulances, have been quartered in Weisse Stadt. The unit was under the command of an old major. Individual Soviet officers stated that, upon completion of the quartering buildings by German craftsmen, Oranienburg airfield would be occupied by jet bombers. Except for the officers and one sergeant, the troops of the new unit did not speak German. No regular military activity was observed up to 26 June.¹

4. The hangar at the field which can be opened to two sides was occupied by 8 Po-2s in June. This hangar and the two attachments at the two end walls had been overhauled.² The fuel dump was not yet filled by 28 June. The Po-2s were refueled from tank trucks.

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6. Between 11 and 26 June, the field was occupied by some Po-2s which took off and landed at different times. There was no regular local flying activity. A maximum of 6 Po-2s were observed aloft at the same time on 23 June.

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7. An increased number of Soviet Air Force soldiers were observed in Weisse Stadt. A truck occupied by air-force soldiers repeatedly moved to the canal where the soldiers bathed near the Baeranklau bridge.

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8. About 400 air force soldiers were quartered in Weisse Stadt in mid-June. On 11 June, about 30 soldiers were given instruction by an officer in the open just south of buildings No. 16 and 17. Five field kitchens were seen between the two buildings.¹

9. Some Po-2s were parked at the field and a high-wing monoplane occasionally landed there.²

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The superstructure of the trailer consisted of a heavy wheel-work from the rear of which projected a wheel-shaft with a small steering wheel at its upper end. On 26 June, about 20 air-force soldiers were engaged in placing poles, including some red ones, into the ground.¹

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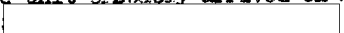
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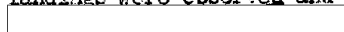
1.  Comment. According to available information, Granienburg airfield is occupied by an air force construction unit and 3 air force units. One of the 3 units arrived on 5 May 1954 and probably is the Po-2 detail. The second unit arrived on 20 May and has not been identified. The third unit probably arrived on 2 trains via Frankfurt/Oder in early June.  It probably is the advance detail of an air unit (bombers) which is to arrive from outside of the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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2.  Comment. The Po-2s training detail of the fighter division in Finow is still located at Granienburg airfield and equipped with 8 to 10 Po-2s.  Previous information reported by source 4 on 4 June 1954 is corrected as follows: a total of 28 landings were observed and not the landings of 28 different Po-2s. 

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